

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting
July 22, 2020
Subject to Board Approval

Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held via video conference using GoToMeeting.com

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Invocation: Commissioner Cox led everyone in the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Mickuleit led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Valcarcel, Price, Cammick and Cox were present.

Chief Mickuleit, Deputy Chief Brant, Assistant Chief Davis, Mr. Pritt, Renee Lynch and Administrative Assistant Miles were present.

Guest: Michael Dreikorn, Paulette LeBlanc, and an unidentified guest were present.

Setting of Agenda: Commissioner Player noted that she would like to move setting the millage to the first item on the agenda. There were no objections. **Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Cox seconded. Agenda approved.**

Setting Maximum Millage: Resolution 2020 – 072220 (1): ADOPTING PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

Accountant Renee Lynch briefly explains the resolution and what the setting of the maximum millage means for going forward with the budget process. Additionally, since there had been some questions from individual board members on the millage rates for the past 10 years and what reducing the millage in the current year would do to the budget, she further explained a few options in decreasing the millage, and how that would affect the Districts ending fund balance. Ultimately the recommendation from Admin is to set the maximum millage at the roll back rate of 3.068 so that there will be room in the case of insurance costs coming in higher than anticipated. Further discussion from the board included comments from Commissioner Cammick, who felt that setting the roll back rate, was not making a decision, and that the District could afford to go lower. Commissioner Cox felt that knowing that we still have a few outstanding quotes, we should stick with what admin is suggesting. Commissioner Valcarcel agreed with Commissioner Cox, knowing that we can always reduce the millage before the final budget. Mr. Pritt, wanted to remind the Board that there are still things ahead of us this year that we cannot foresee, and the best time to be the “hero” is at the final budget hearing, just in case something comes up between now and then. Commissioner Cammick, stated that with that thinking then we should set the millage at our actual max of 3.75, if we want to make a difference to what has been done in the past we need to at least bring it down to 3.6000. **Commissioner Cammick moved to set the maximum millage at 3.6000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Valcarcel. Roll call vote was taken.**

Cox: yes

Cammick: yes

Valcarcel: yes

Price: yes

Player: yes

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Commissioner Cammick moved to approve Resolution 2020 – 072220 (1). Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Roll call vote was taken.

Price: yes

Valcarcel: yes

Cox: yes

Cammick: yes

Player: yes

Approval of Minutes:

June 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes– Commissioner Price moved to accept minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: 6/20 – 7/17/2020 Treasurer’s Report presented by Commissioner Cammick. Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Cash Disbursements: 6/20 – 7/17/2020 Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

Accountants Compilation Report: Presented by Renee Lynch. Commissioner Cammick moved to accept Accountants Compilation Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners’ Expenses:

Guest Speakers:

Public Comment – Agenda Items:

Firefighters:

Union:

New Business:

1. Setting a workshop date for Sunshine Law Presentation:
Various discussion between the Board and attorney, Mr. Pritt, who will be making the presentation. Date was set for August 6, 2020 at 5pm. This will be a virtual meeting.
2. Discussion of FASD letter:
Mr. Pritt discussed with the Board about what the FASD was requesting of the District. With all of the expenses incurred due to COVID-19 the FASD is pushing for a bill that will provide special districts with additional funding from the federal government to help with these expenses. There was discussion between the board members on whether the

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money is really needed, however a source of revenue is a source of revenue. Ultimately a decision was made to have Mr. Pritt write up a letter for the District to send.

Commissioner Valcarcel moved to have Mr. Pritt as our lobbyist, write a letter for the District on this matter. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of Chief's contract:

Commissioner Player noted that the Chief had sent out the updated contract to the Board a couple weeks ago, that contained no changes to compensation and just a few wording updates. Commissioner Valcarcel noted that she has no questions, since she has discussed with the chief and there are no monetary changes to the contract. Commissioner Cammick presented his position including multiple "benefit" and "incentive" changes that he felt the Chief deserved based on the listing of accomplishments since he took the position as Chief. The other Board members had a hard time understanding all of the changes and it was unclear if the Chief's contract actually contained provisions for some of the incentives already. The remaining of the Board felt that more time was needed to research and calculate which of these items need to be further addressed. **Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the Chief's contract with all of the proposed adjustment he provided. There was no second, motion failed.**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the Chief's contract as provided by the Chief, with the understanding that the other items brought up by Commissioner Cammick will be discussed at the next regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Roll call vote was taken.

Cox: yes

Valcarcel: yes

Price: yes

Cammick: yes

Player: yes

4. Resolution 2020 – 072220 (2): APPROVING THE BANK LINE OF CREDIT FOR 2020 AND 2021

The Chief and Renee briefly explained that the line of credit is strictly there for emergencies and has not been used in the past five years. Mr. Pritt noted that the line of credits are structured so that the Board is only on the hook for 1 year, which is why it has to be approved each year. **Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the line of credit renewal. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business:

1. Station 4: No update at this time.

Chief's Report: Brief discussion on the following items:

1. We had a vehicle fire today that was threatening a structure. The guys were able to put it out before anything else was damaged.
2. We are currently looking for two new firefighters.
3. Vacations are now being allowed again.

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4. We have gotten the teddy bears in from the donation we received a month ago, they will be going on the trucks in case we run a call involving a child, we can hand them out.
5. We are excited to be able to offer the community a tax decrease for the first time in at least 10 years.

Public Comment – General:

Good of the District:

Commissioner Valcarcel wanted to remind everyone to keep the Busscher family in their thoughts and prayers.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Miles
District Administrative Assistant

Ken Cox, Board Secretary